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(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,  
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: *(check one)*

- ☒ Original  
☐ Supplemental  
☐ Design

- ☐ National Stage PCT  
☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation  
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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** *If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**WATER RESISTANT ELECTRICAL BOX**

the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☒ was filed on March 13, 2002 as  
☒ Serial No. 10/097,213 or  
☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No. not yet known  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_. *(If applicable)*
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_. *(If any)*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY OF EARLIER FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

*(List prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 months (6 months for design) prior to this U.S. application.)*

**NOTE:** Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

COUNTRY (or PCT)	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (Day/Month/Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119	
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

*(List prior U.S. provisional applications.)*

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE (Day/Month/Year)
60/276,071	March 15, 2001

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(List prior U.S. applications or PCT international applications designating the U.S. for benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120.)

**U.S. APPLICATIONS**

**STATUS** (Check One)

U.S. SERIAL NO.	U.S. FILING DATE (Day/Month/Year)	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
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**PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.**

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**35 USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS**

PRIORITY APPLICATION NO.	PRIORITY COUNTRY	FILING DATE (Day/Month/Year)	ISSUE DATE (Day/Month/Year)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith:

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**SIGNATURE(S)**

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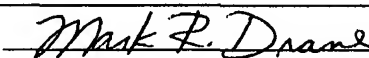
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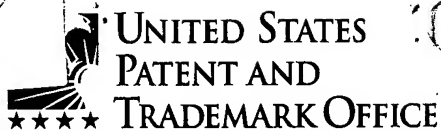
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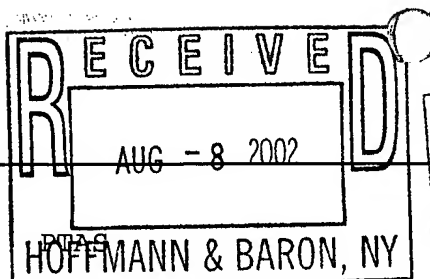
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Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment

☐ Merger

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Execution Date: May 7, 2002

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

10/097,213

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☐ U.S. Patent; or  
☐ PCT Application  
By: ☒ Inventors or ☐ Present Owners

### ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNORS: (inventor(s) or person(s) or entity(ies) who own the invention)

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Nationality

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE,

(complete one of the following)

- ☒ the entire right, title and interest  
☐ an undivided \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

- ☒ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority,

in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

**WATER RESISTANT ELECTRICAL BOX**

and which is found in

(check and complete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g))

- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith  
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) ☐ U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor(s) for the above-identified invention.  
☐ Express Mail label No.: \_\_\_\_\_, mailed: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ To comply with 37 CFR 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when they become known  
(d) ☒ U.S. application Serial No. 10/097,213 filed on March 13, 2002  
(e) ☐ International application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(f) ☐ U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this

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Date of signing

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Cong Thanh Dinh

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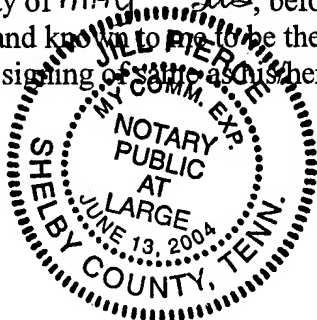
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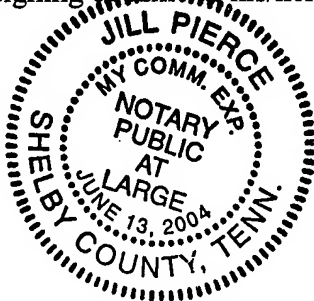
On this *7* day of *MAY*, *2002*, before me personally appeared Cong Thanh Dinh to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his/her free act and deed.



  
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